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Letter Disclosing Prior Art

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant's Assignee, Vermeer Manufacturing Co. (Vermeer), hereby informs Examiner Mammen that Vermeer manufactured and sold balers like that shown in Van Zee (5,129,208) more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the above identified application and those prior art balers had arcuate wedges on them like those shown in Meyer (4,910,949) even though the Van Zee patent itself does not show such arcuate wedges.

Since Vermeer cannot locate a publication showing this structure of Van Zee plus Meyer, this letter is being filed in lieu of an Invention Disclosure Statement (IDS).

The Van Zee (5,129,208) and Meyer (4,910,949) patents are of record as prior art in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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